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Progress Continues on Devil's Slide Tunnels Project

Despite recent activities related to the closure of Highway 1 at Devil's Slide, the Tunnels Project is still on schedule. Plans, specifications, and estimates for the tunnel contract were completed March 30, 2006. The complete package is undergoing review at Caltrans Headquarters.

The Tunnels Contract is scheduled to be advertised for bid by the end of May. Bid opening will take place in August 2006. Tunnels construction is scheduled to start in October 2006, and complete by the fall of 2011.

On April 26, 2006, a pre-bid contractor outreach meeting was held at District 4 offices in Oakland. This meeting was for prospective contractors planning to bid on the tunnel portion of the project. Attendance surpassed expectations. Fourteen prime tunnel contractors showed up. All indications suggest there will be at least three bids from contractors by bid opening day in August.

The selected bridge contractor is currently undergoing the submittal process to ensure construction plans comply with all the project permit constraints.

Staining of the South Rock Cut wall is underway and the first planting at the Wetlands Mitigation site is complete.

Although the spotlight of late has been on repairing Route 1 at Devil's Slide to get the road open as soon as possible, the Tunnels Project Team is concentrating on keeping the project on track. At this time, efforts to repair the road are not affecting the Tunnels Project schedule.

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